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Scoping Document  
Road Use Permits Proposed for Renewal

USDA FOREST SERVICE  
Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest  
Bridgeport Ranger District  
Carson Ranger District  
Mountain City Ranger District  
Spring Mountains National Recreation Area

**Background.** The Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest (HTNF) administers over 700 lands special use permits and many have expired. The Forest is working to reduce the backlog by contacting holders and processing applications for renewal.

In 2012, a nation-wide audit by the office of inspector general reported findings regarding the condition of special uses on National Forests. The report identified the serious backlog of special use authorizations and the subsequent loss of revenue to the treasury, as well as the lack of management of the uses. In answer to this issue, the Washington Office has made it a priority to remedy the backlog and given money to the regions to expedite the process. These SUAs are a result of this effort to bring the forest's special use program to a more current state.

The backlog of expired lands special use authorizations on the HTNF includes (permits, leases, and easements) located across multiple districts including a variety of different uses such as utility right-of-ways, telecommunications, road access, and many other uses.

**Purpose & Need.** There is a need for the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest to renew expired authorizations and bring permits into compliance with current permit terms and conditions and policy direction. Permit holders are requesting their use be reauthorized.

**Proposed Action.** The proposed action is to renew 10 existing road permits for continued operation and maintenance of the road to private holdings. These are existing uses with no proposed changes.

**Applicable CE Category.** Issuance of a new special use authorization to replace an existing or expired special use authorization, when such issuance is to only account for administrative changes, such as a change in ownership of authorized improvements or expiration of the current authorization, and where there are no changes to the authorized facilities or increases in the scope or magnitude of authorized activities. 32.12 (11)

**Project Location.** The project sites are located on the Bridgeport, Carson, and Mountain City Ranger Districts and the Spring Mountains National Recreation Area of the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest. Table 1 provides the names, legal land descriptions, and acreage of each authorization proposed to be renewed.

**Table 1. Road Use locations on HTNF proposed to be renewed**

	<b>District</b>	<b>Use Code</b>	<b>Authorization ID and Contact Name</b>	<b>Legal Description</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Miles/ Acres</b>	<b>Location</b>
Photo 1	Bridgeport RD	753 FLPMA Road Authorization	BRI234 Great Basin Trail Road Users Assoc.	T10N, R24E, Secs. 21 and 28	2640' length, 24' wide Maintenance and access to private property Partially Gated.  Forest/Private Road O'banion Road	0.50 miles or 1.45 acres	Access from Hwy 338 Smith Valley
Photo 2	Bridgeport RD	753 FLPMA Road Authorization	BRI521 Lincoln Gold US Corp.	T9N, R26E, Sec 6, T10N, R26E, Secs. 25, 33, 28, 31, 32, 24, 27	Use and maintenance for access to Wilson and Wheeler mining patents	19,460' length x 30' feet wide  6.38 miles  13.40 acres	Forest Road 42059 Pine Grove Canyon area
Photo 3	Bridgeport RD	753 FLPMA Road Authorization	BRI75 David Womack	T7N, R30E, Sec 35	Use and maintenance for access to private property  FS 42750 Ammo Road to Private Property	10,560 feet X 12' wide  0.85 miles  2.00 acres	Mineral County
Photo 4	Bridgeport RD	753 FLPMA Road Authorization	BRI77 Burton Packard	T6N, R30E, Sec 2	Access to private property on 0.39 miles	5,000 ft. length x 16 ft. width  1.84 miles  2.00 acres	Mineral County

Photo 5	Carson RD	753 FLPMA Road Authorization	CAR214 Spooner Summit HOA	T14N, R19E, Sec 6	Access to private land.	637 ft. length x 25 ft. wide  0.37 acres	Forest Road 41120  Private Road, not on MVUM
Photo 6	Carson RD	753 FLPMA Road Authorization	CAR530101 Stuart Merrill	T9N, R21E, Sec 13	Access to Wolf Creek Rock Quarry	3960 ft.  25ft. wide  2.27 acres	FR Verify road 31032D – is open system or gated? long spur road D Alpine County
Photo 7	Mtn. City RD	753 FLPMA Road Authorization	MTN409302  J.R. Simplot Company	T46N, R53E, Sec 24, 25	Access to private land	5,280 length x 66 ft. wide  8.0 acres	Browns Gulch Road Forest Road #56943A
Photo 8	Spring Mtns. NRA	753 FLPMA Road Authorization	SMA0170 Ramez Reno	T22S, R58E, Sec 20	ROW to access private inholding	730 ft. length x 20 ft. wide  0.50 Private Road	½ mile west of mile marker 20 on Hwy 160 Mt. Springs
Photo 9	Spring Mtns. NRA	753 FLPMA Road Authorization	SMA0371 The Church of Jesus Christ LDS	T19S R57E Section7	1.5 miles of road, parking area is .34 acres, includes sign, gate, road, and parking  Ancillary parking lot	8,288 ft. length x 9ft. wide  1.5 miles	Camp Stimson FR 45078 Archery Range Road and private forest road to

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Photo 10	Spring Mtns. NRA	753 FLPMA Road Authorization	SMA418101 Deer Creek Park, LLC	T19S, R57E, Sec 7	0.50 miles of access across Deer Creek Rd.	2,640 ft. length X 20ft.  1.21 acres	FDR 45068  Gated, private road



**Photo 1 Great Basin Road Users**



**Photo 2 - BRI521 Lincoln Gold US Corp**



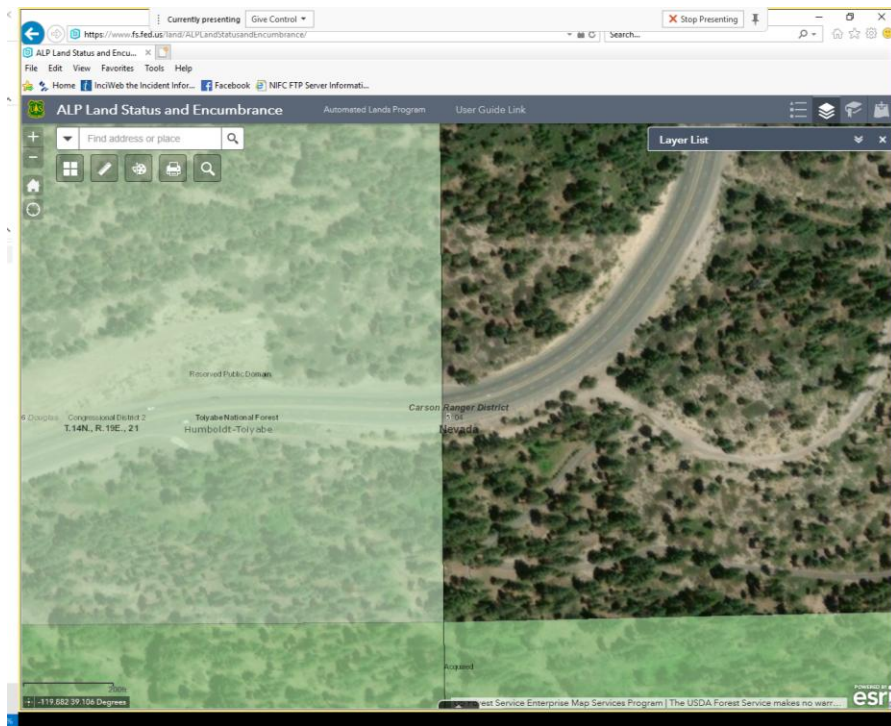


**Photo 3 David Womack**

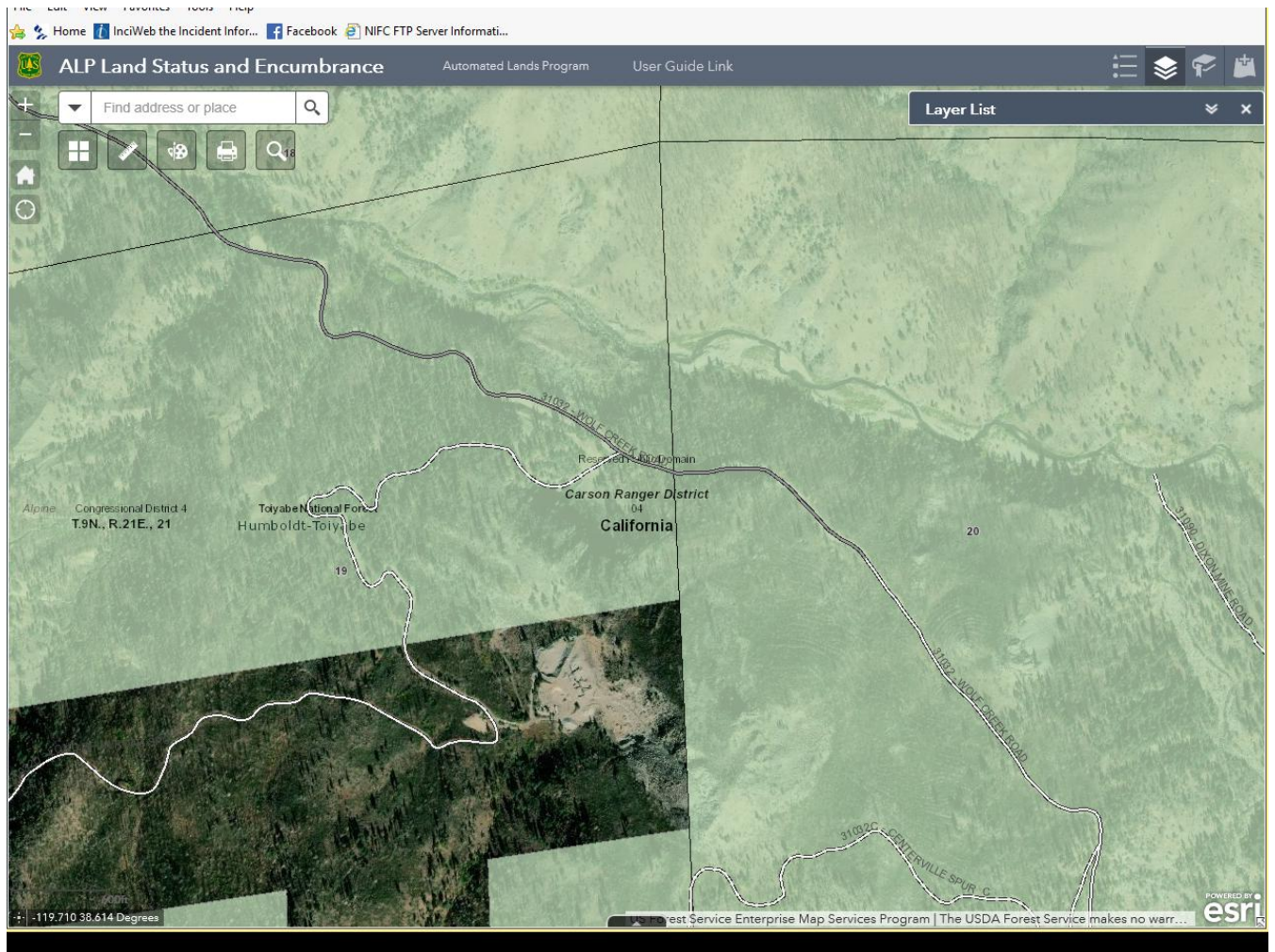


**Photo 4 Burton Packard**

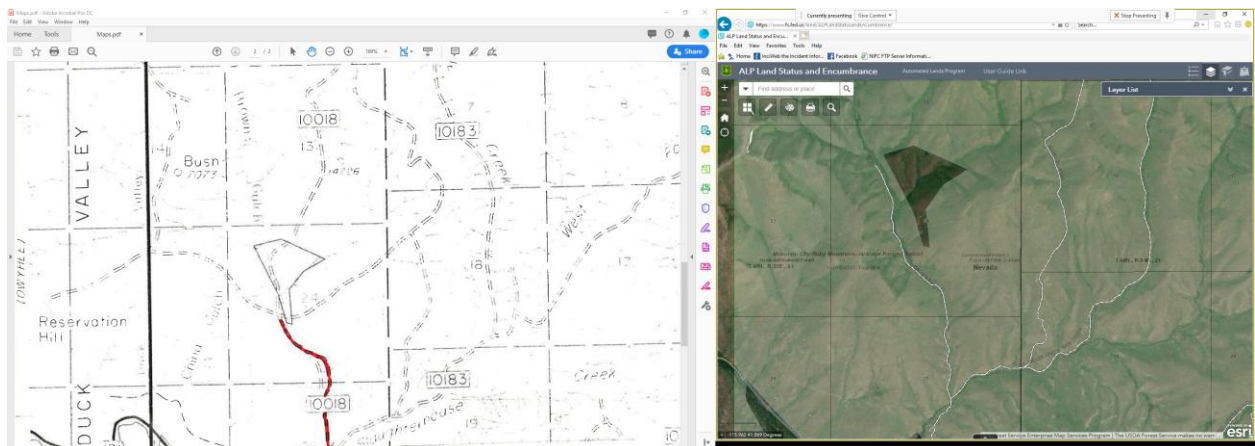




**Photo 5 Spooner Summit Homeowners Association**



**Photo 6 Stewart Merrill**

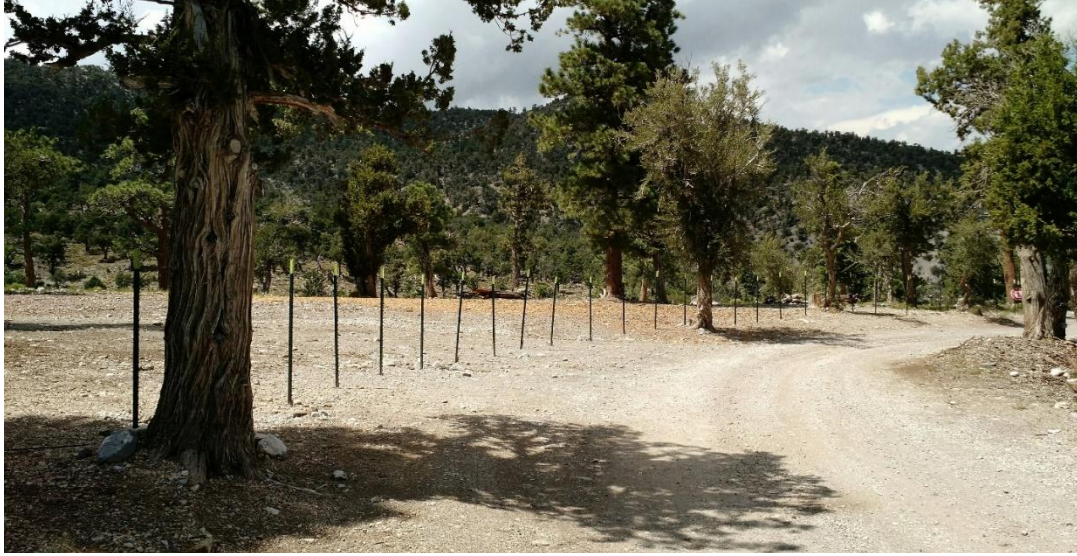


**Photo 7 JR Simplot**

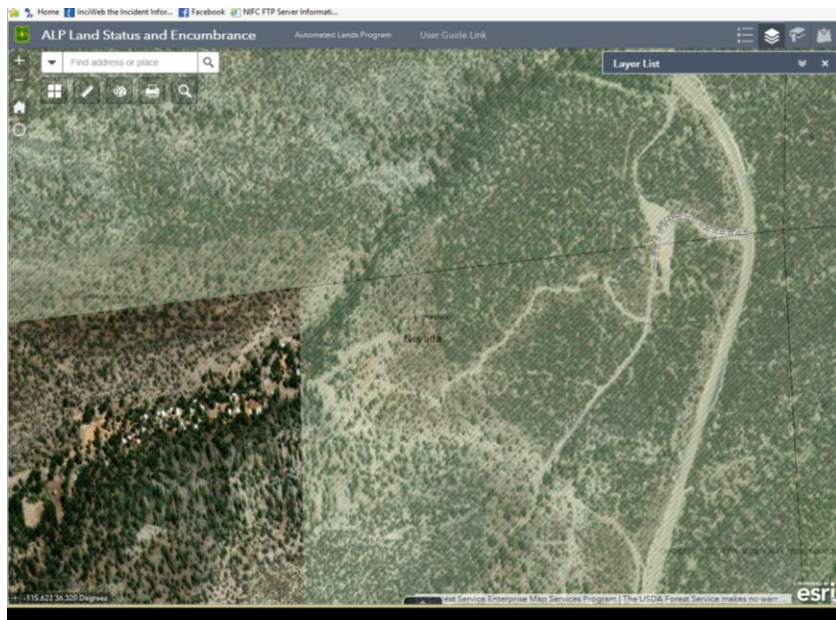




**Photo 8 Ramez Reno**



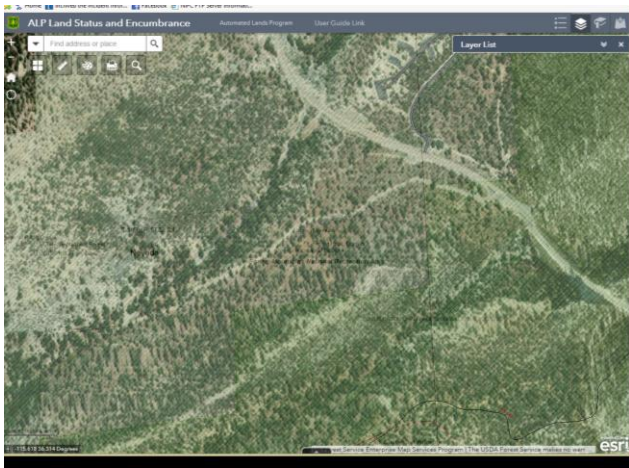




**Photo 9 -SMA0371 The Church of Jesus Christ LDS**







**Photo 10 Deer Creek Park, LLC**